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890-3335

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**NUMBERS TO REMEMBER**

### **THIRD ANNUAL DOWNTOWN RALEIGH HOME TOUR MAY 19, 2007, 11 AM TO 5 PM**

The Department of City Planning is proud to host the third Annual Downtown Raleigh Home Tour on Saturday, May 19 from 11 am to 5 pm, highlighting more than a dozen residential properties in the heart of the city. Held the same weekend as Artsposure, the self-guided tour showcases the wide variety of housing options available in downtown, including historic properties and single-family homes, as well as affordable rental units and luxury condominiums. Information on residential projects that are planned or under construction will also be available. The event will be held rain or shine.

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased by cash or check at the Raleigh Urban Design Center at 133 Fayetteville Street. Children 12 and under are free. Proceeds from ticket sales contribute to funding the Department of City Planning's Designing a 21st Century City lecture series.

For more information call (919) 807-8479, email [hometour@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:hometour@ci.raleigh.nc.us), or visit [www.raleighdowntownliving.com](http://www.raleighdowntownliving.com).

### **MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY SERVICE**

The City of Raleigh will observe the Memorial Day holiday on May 28. Most administrative offices will be closed. Emergency service can be reached at 9-1-1.

### **REPORT BACKUP OR OVERFLOWS IMMEDIATELY!**

Please call the City of Raleigh Public Utilities Maintenance Division at 250-2737 to report a sewer backup or overflow. When calling at a time other than from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, please dial the after-hours emergency number which is 829-1930.

The City is offering a \$50 reward to each person who reports a confirmed sewer overflow.

### **TICKETS FOR KIDS REWARDS YOUTH**

Tickets for Kids is a united effort of Ticketmaster and the City of Raleigh to channel family entertainment tickets as rewards and incentives to deserving Raleigh youth who have proven their willingness to contribute to their community. This program gives many children the opportunity to experience the magic and joy of entertainment events they might not otherwise experience.



Ticketmaster secures tickets as contributions from its clients – promoters and venues. Tickets are presented to the City's Public Affairs Department which acts as a clearinghouse for recipient groups.

To nominate your Raleigh youth group and receive an application and ticket request form, call 890-3100 or visit the City of Raleigh Public Affairs Department located at 222 W. Hargett St., Room 218, Raleigh 27602.

### **CITY OFFERS SEWER BACKWATER VALVE LOANS**

The City of Raleigh offers a loan program for residents to install sewer backwater valves. The program offers free evaluations of homes that may need the backwater valves, as well as interest-free loans for valve installations when

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needed. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000 and must be paid within 12 months.

For more information on applying for a sewer backwater value loan, call Aaron Brower in the City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department at 857-4540.

## STOP! DON'T TOP THAT TREE



It's finally spring. Time to venture out into the yard to repair the winter damage and to enjoy the good earth. Many homeowners choose this time to trim their trees. City of Raleigh Forester Andy Gilliam urges you to prune your trees correctly and never to top a tree.

Tree topping is exactly what it says. Major limbs in the top of the tree are cut away leaving stubs.

## ALTERNATIVE TO TOPPING

There are times when the size and shape of a shade tree need to be controlled. With care and skill, this can be accomplished without marring the tree's beauty or usefulness. Responsible pruning even contributes to the health and safety of a tree. The following are some general principles to avoiding topping:

- start out right by planting trees that will fit your available space when they reach maturity or plant slow-growing trees;
- begin proper pruning early in the life of a tree. Proper pruning is known by tree specialists as natural target pruning, Shigo pruning and lateral pruning; and,
- prune properly and lightly, about every three or four years if needed to remove tree limbs that are causing problems. This will have less drastic effects on both the landscape and your financial assets, compared with neglecting older trees or resorting to topping.

## CITY OFFER 'E' NEWSLETTER

Residents who want to receive the City of Raleigh's news releases electronically may do so by dropping a request to [jayne.kirkpatrick@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:jayne.kirkpatrick@ci.raleigh.nc.us).

Hard copies of the news releases will continue to be mailed weekly upon request. Please contact the City of Raleigh Public Affairs Department at 890-3100 to make this request.

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A reminder from the  
Raleigh Police Department



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